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P-2560      Miscellaneous (Continued)

B.      Special Household Composition

1.      Household member who is aged and disabled (and spouse)  
Policy Basis: 273.1a

A person who is 60 or over (and his or her spouse) can be a separate FS household even if he lives and eats with other people if

- he is disabled,
- he is unable to purchase and prepare his meals, and
- the gross income of the others (excluding the spouse of the disabled person) in the home is not greater than 165% of the poverty line.

The table, with 165% of the poverty line by household size, is at

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ACCESS is not programmed to apply the 165% test. Workers should determine if the gross income of the others in the home (excluding the spouse) is greater than 165% of the poverty line.

If the gross income is less than 165% of the poverty line, the disabled member (and spouse) can be a separate household.

NOTE:      If the income passes the 165% test, the applicants should be given the options available to them (i.e., to apply as one household or as separate households) and allowed to choose.

The notice letter, if not computer-generated, should list who is in the FS household.

- If the disabled person is the head of household:  
Using STAT/C, workers may enter the DATE-LEFT and ABS fields on the MEMB panel of each person who is not to be in the disabled member's FS household (i.e., everyone in the home but the disabled person and spouse) prior to approving the initial grant. As long as the fields are entered before approval of the initial grant and the DATE-LEFT is prior to the month of application, these people will not be considered part of the household by ACCESS.
- If the disabled member is not head of household:

The disabled member can be removed from that household (as above), set up with a separate APPL and STAT and granted; the original application can then be denied or granted.

If the gross income is greater than 165% of the poverty line, the disabled member (and spouse) cannot be a separate household.

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B.      Special Household Composition (Continued)

2.      Household Members Becoming 60:      Policy basis:      273.10e  
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If an applicant will turn 60 any time during the month of application, the household

- should have only the net income test applied,
- is entitled to deduct the excess medical costs of the aged member, and
- is entitled to deduct all of the allowable excess shelter costs.
- is entitled to resources of \$3,000.

ACCESS is programmed to check an applicant's age at the end of the month and to compute the budget allowing the above deductions. Allowing the deductions for the month in which a client turns 60 is also true for recipients; ACCESS will propagate (as opposed to carry forward) a STAT, put the case through edit, and, if there are no edits, create new eligibility results which include the deductions.

3.      Boarders:      Policy Basis:      273.1c 1

Boarders are ineligible to participate in the FS program independent of the household providing the board.

Boarders can be considered household members if the household requests it. However, any income or resources that had previously been excluded because the boarder was not in the household must be considered.

If the household chooses to include the boarder's needs, income and resources, the worker should:

- code the boarder as a friend ("12") on the MEMB panel,
- not enter an RBIN panel (unless there are others paying room and board to the household) or RBEX panel for the boarder, and
- enter the appropriate resource and income panels.

For ANFC, the room and/or board income minus the business expense should then be entered on the JINC panel.

NOTE: ACCESS does not and should not know that the friend is paying room and board. ACCESS is still programmed to deny an individual who is paying sufficient board.

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B.     Special Household Composition (Continued)

4.     Students  
       Policy Basis:    273.5b

Once you have determined a client to be a student (see 273.5a), determine if the applicant is eligible according to criteria at 273.5b. Enter the appropriate code on the SCHL panel in ACCESS. (See STAT 3.5 in the ACCESS manual)